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Memorandum

To: Chief Topographic Engineer (RT-C)
From: Pacific Area Engineer (C)
Subject: Oregon State Map - proof correction calls

Calls on the color proof of the Oregon State Map made by Mr. Hahn, of the Branch of Special Maps, and forwarded to us by Mr. Striker, includes a call which we do not believe to be appropriate. This is a request to delete the name Coast Range as applied to the coastal mountains between the Klamath Mountains and the Columbia River, and to instead apply the label Coast Ranges for the entire extent of Oregon's coastal mountains, including the Klamath Mountains in the southwestern part of the state.

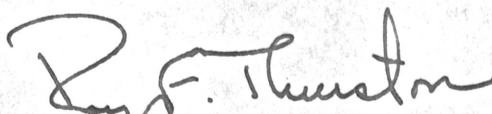
Coast Range is the well-established geographic name for the continuous extent of coastal mountains between the Klamath Mountains and the Columbia River. It is an individual part of the mountain system which extends along the entire Pacific coast. Virtually all maps and references pertaining to Oregon or the Pacific Northwest use the name Coast Range for this area. The local name usage for this feature is also Coast Range, and has been so since the time of pioneer settlers.

Coast Ranges is a collective term or physiographic term for the, "series of ranges, most of which have individual names also, extending along the Pacific coast from southern California to the Strait of Juan de Fuca;---" (quotes from BGN Decision List 5401). Most current, small-scale maps of the United States use the collective term Coast Ranges, generally with one label applying to all of the mountains of the Pacific coast. We consider the label Coast Ranges suitable on these maps, and certainly in agreement with the Board ruling, but do not consider it suitable as a replacement on the state maps for the individually named features of Oregon and Washington, consisting of the Coast Range of Oregon, and the Willapa Hills and Olympic Mountains of Washington.

The recent edition of the Washington State Map appropriately omits the name Coast Ranges. However, its components, Olympic Mountains and Willapa Hills (counterpart of Oregon's Coast Range), should be shown on the state map and on the 1:250 000 series maps which include these features. For example, the Victoria 1:250 000 map shows the name Olympic Mountains.

The name should be added to the Seattle, Cape Flattery, and Copalis Beach 1:250 000 maps. The name Coast Range is shown on the Salem, Vancouver, and Hoquiam 1:250 000 series maps in application to the coastal mountains south of the Columbia River. For uniformity of treatment, this name should be added to the Roseburg and Coos Bay 1:250 000 maps.

We are forwarding the attached name reports to clarify the relationship of the Coast Range of Oregon as an individual part of the "Coast Ranges". This may not be necessary, considering the extensive usage of Coast Range as a geographic name for the area in question, but we wish to insure clarification of this name in order to allow early printing of the Oregon State Map.


for Robert O. Davis
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Attachments

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